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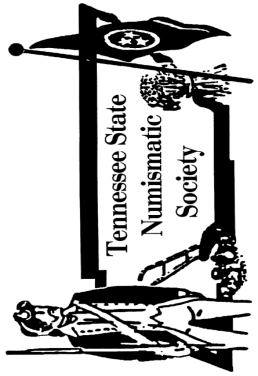

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50 WAYS TO MAKE FIVE CENTS (Continued)

41. One Large Cent and Eight Half Cents
42. One Small Cent and Eight Half Cents
43. Ten Half Cents
44. One Large Cent, One Small Cent and Six Half Cents
45. A Two-Cent Piece, One Large Cent, One Small Cent, Two Half Cents
46. Three Large Cents, One Small Cent and Two Half Cents
47. Three Small Cents, One Large Cent and Two Half Cents
48. Two Large Cents, Two Small Cents and Two Half Cents
49. Two Large Cents, One Small Cent and Four Half Cents
50. Two Small Cents, One Large Cent and Four Half Cents

How many different combinations did you come up with???

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Message From The President

As I write this message, it is the first day of summer. It is quite hot here, however, many of you are under severe weather with tropical storm Cindy. I pray that everyone is safe. We had a great show in March, with a full house of dealers. I am in hopes that the Tennessee State Numismatic Society's (TSNS) show continues to grow with a solid dealer base. Attendance was good, but I would like to see it a little stronger and that can be done with the help of all of you, invite a friend, colleague or your neighbors to attend the show. We advertise in the trade papers and calendars and in the local papers. If any of you have any recommendations to help in improving attendance, please email me at: **forvm@comcast.net**.

The TSNS have a very hard working group of club members and volunteers, who are there to not only help the show out, but to assist our attendees if needed. Some of the members and volunteers are behind the scenes supporting the show as needed to ensure a very good show for dealers and public. Thank them for all of the hard work that they provide to the show, when you see them.

Remember to attend some local shows during the coming months. Just to mention a few, Greater Atlanta Coin Shows, Atlanta, GA, and Knoxville, TN have a show each month during the remaining of 2017. Visit our web site: www.tsns.org. Click on the link TN Club Shows & other Shows.

I wish each and everyone of you a nice and pleasant summer. Stay safe, enjoy the lazy days of summer and make sure you mark your calendar for the next TSNS show, November 3-5 2017.

Regards,
Bob Hurst

From the Editor's Desk

Its summer again and it appears to be on the right way of being a hot one. Hopefully we do not have any major storms that will cause any major damage.

By the time that you receive this issue we will have had some major shows behind us. I have heard a lot of comments on how the shows have been. Some of the comments have been outstanding to a little weak for dealers. Public attendances at show have been weak to strong.

Bob mention in his message that we need to increase our attendance at both of TSNS shows. You can help by bringing a friend or another collector to the shows. You never know that you might find that missing coin that you have been looking to complete your collection.

Of course I am always looking for ARTICLES to be used in the Newsletter so if you have any that you would like to share just let me know.

If you have any suggestions or recommendation for the Newsletter just let me know either call (321-258-0325) or email rblackman@cfl.rr.com.

If you can attend any local coin shows in your area please do. This will be worthwhile and by getting to know the dealers that would be a greater benefit.

As always be safe and aware of your surroundings when you are traveling to and from a show.

Take care. Ron Blackman

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2. A Nickel Five-Cent piece
3. A Silver Three-Cent Piece and a Two-Cent Piece
4. A Nickel Three-Cent Piece and a Two Cent Piece
5. A Nickel Three-Cent Piece and Two Large Cents
6. A Silver Three-Cent Piece and Two Large Cents
7. A Nickel Three-Cent Piece and Two Small Cents
8. A Silver Three-Cent Piece and Two Small Cents
9. A Nickel Three-Cent Piece a Large Cent and a Small Cent
10. A Silver Three-Cent Piece, a Large Cent and a Small Cent
11. A Silver Three-Cent piece, a Large Cent and Two Half Cents
12. A Nickel Three-Cent Piece, a Large Cent and Two Half Cents
13. A Silver Three-Cent Piece, a Small Cent and Two Half Cents
14. A Nickel Three-Cent Piece, a Small Cent and Two Half Cents
15. A Silver Three-Cent Piece and Four Half Cents
16. A Nickel Three-Cent Piece and Four Half Cents
17. A Two-Cent Piece and Three Large Cents
18. A Two-Cent Piece and Three Small Cents
19. A Two-Cent Piece and Two Large Cents and a Small Cent
20. A Two-Cent Piece and Two Small Cents and a Large Cent
21. A Two-Cent Piece, Two Small Cents and Two Half Cents
22. A Two-Cent Piece, Two Large Cents and Two Half Cents
23. A Two-Cent Piece, One Large Cent and Four Half Cents
24. A Two-Cent Piece, One Small Cent and Four Half Cents
25. A Two-Cent Piece and Six Half Cents
26. Two Two-Cent Pieces and a Large Cent
27. Two Two-Cent Pieces and a Small Cent
28. Two Two-Cent Pieces and Two Half Cents
29. Five Large Cents
30. Five Small Cents
31. Four Large Cents and One Small Cent
32. Four Small Cents and One Large Cent
33. Three Large Cents and Two Small Cents
34. Three Small Cents and Two Large Cents
35. Four Large Cents and Two Half Cents
36. Four Small Cents and Two Half Cents
37. Three Large Cents and Four Half-Cents
38. Three Small Cents and Four Half-Cents
39. Two Large Cents and Six Half-Cents
40. Two Small Cents and Six Half Cents

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A FUN 150 YEAR TRIP INTO THE PAST (1866)
Bill Fivaz

Let's take a time machine trip back in time to the year 1866. The bloody Civil War had just concluded, and money was in short supply.

A Five Cent Purchase then was like a $20 purchase now. Here's a fun exercise for you when you have a little time.

In 1866 there were many different denominations still in circulation in this country. How many different ways could you make a 5 cent purchase-chase, using the coins found in circulation, and receive no change? I'll give you a hint . . . .there are 8 different coins you could use, and I'll even start you off with a couple:

1. A large cent, a small cent, a two cent and two half cents.
2. A silver three cent, a large cent and two half cents.

How many different combinations can you come up with? Remember no change can be involved, and the Flying Eagle and Indian cents are considered "small cents".

1866 Five Cent Nickel

PLEASE NOTE: NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES MAY BE USED IN ARRIVING AT YOU ANSWER.

The answer will be provided in the June issue of the TSNS Newsletter, that will be available early July 2017.

ANSWERS TO THIS TRIP INTO THE PAST STARTS ON PAGE 17 AND CONTINUES ON PAGE 18.

What's Happening	
July 9, 2017	Greater Atlanta Coin Show, 500 Powder Springs St, Marietta, GA. PH: 770-772-4359. Email: atl-coin@hotmail.com. Web site: www.atlcoin.com.
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August 18-20, 2017	Blue Ridge Numismatic Association (BRNA) 58th Annual Convention. NW Georgia Trade and Convention Center, 2211 Dug Gap Battle Road. Dalton, GA PH: 321-258-0325 Web Site: www.brna.org
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September 10, 2017	Greater Atlanta Coin Show, 500 Powder Springs St, Marietta, GA. PH: 770-772-4359. Email: atl-coin@hotmail.com. Web site: www.atlcoin.com.
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NOTES ON FULL BELL LINE FRANKLIN HALF DOLLAR

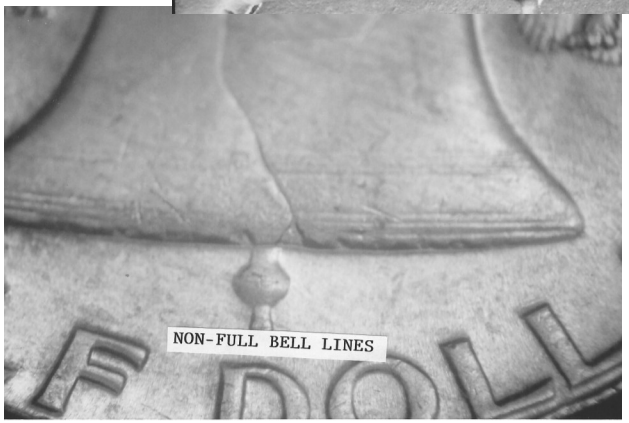
Bill Fivaz

In order to qualify as a Full Bell Line (FBL) Franklin Half Dollar, (top image) the five raised lines (or 6 incuse lines) at the bottom of the bell on the reverse must be full and unbroken by contact marks, abrasions, a week strike, etc.

The critical area is where the two lowest lines approach the crack, just above the clapper (bottom image). This is where a coin struck with inadequate striking pressure will be devoid of these lines.

Also, any contact mark, hit or abrasion that interrupts these lines negates the FBL classification. Along with the Proof issues, many of the 1948-P and D coins show Full Bell Lines as that was the first year of issue and they were struck with freshly hubbed dies.

Generally speaking, the market requires a coin to grade MS-65 or better before the FBL premium takes affect.



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Why Not Collect Trade Coins?

By Bill Snyder

Throughout history, certain coins were most desired in international trade. They are (were) the ones of known value and of dependable purity and weight.

The most famous throughout modern history have been –

The Spanish 8 Reales (dating from the 1500's)

The Maria Theresa Taler (produced from 1780 to the present, but always dated 1780)

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A Macabre Pair of Counterstamped Coins (Continued)

In contemplating this practical but somewhat macabre use of coins, I seemed to recall, in my mind's eye, that there was some mythical purpose behind the practice. Sure enough, my memory intact and laptop at hand, I quickly found the explanation. The ancient Greeks believed that, when somebody died, their soul had to cross the River Styx which connected the Earth to the Underworld, the land of the dead. The ferryman, Charon, charged two silver coins (note that the two quarters are silver) to transport souls into the Underworld. So it was that the placement of two silver coins upon the eyes of a deceased person became steeped in tradition.

In the words of the immortal Paul Harvey, "Now you have the rest of the story." Hopefully, a paper copy of this humble article will accompany this pair of coins when they find their next owner. Then, it will be his/her responsibility to keep the story afloat. In the meantime, these coins will be laid-to-rest in a coffin-like coin box and tucked into the mausoleum that I simply call a safe.

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A Macabre Pair of Counterstamped Coins

by Bill Groom

Knowing my affinity for counterstamped coins that are often telling of early American times, a dealer friend of mine had long ago set aside a pair of coins that had come his way in an estate purchase. He knew that, when I next paid him a visit, I'd be seeking such pieces for my collection. Eventually, he proudly handed me the pair of 1876 Liberty Seated Quarters pictured below. Although in near mint state condition, they were both holed and bore but simple initials. Nothing special, it seemed ….

Attractive and curious as this pair of coins was, counterstamps that offer something of a story line are typically what I seek. Then, my friend produced the envelope in which these came. Upon it was simply scrawled in pencil, "These coins rested upon our dear Mother's eyes." Now, there's a story of sorts!

There's no telling just who these siblings, **A.P.** and **M.P.**, were, and their dear Mother's name will thus forever remain a mystery. It's clear that these two, newly minted coins were neatly holed to be used as keepsakes; likely, prepared and punch marked as such by a jeweler. This may have been done either before or following the family wake. In addition to being lifelong keepsakes for the children, these two coins experienced more immediate use in keeping the decedent's eyes shut during viewing. Nowadays, the eyelids are reportedly glued shut. Pleasant thought, huh? Personally, I'd prefer the old way, coins!

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Why Not Collect Trade Coins? (continued)

Also, I should mention the **US Trade Dollar**, first issued in 1873 in hopes of getting more trade with Far Eastern countries

And the **British Trade Dollar** (first produced in 1895), for the same reason –

Of these four, the 1st two (the 8 Reales and the Maria Teresa thaler) are most hotly collected by numismatists around the world. Reasons probably are (1) the many varieties of each*, and (2) the great popularity among traders that these pieces enjoyed around the world.

* Yes, you can get a Maria Teresa Taler in proof condition for just the price of silver, but that will be one made but a few years ago. Just try for an older one. One perhaps with assayer's initials different from the common "S.F.". You will pay handsomely!

As an aside, I might mention that I have 2 of these that only an error collector would love.

Editor's note: I was not able to capture the reverse.

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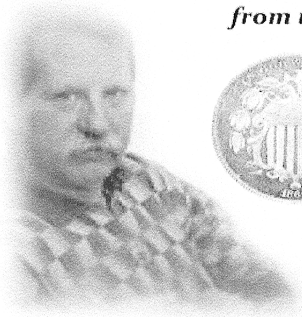

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